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SUBJECT: US AND NIGER SIGN GRANT AGREEMENT FOR DROUGHT RECOVERY
PROGRAM

AN AGREEMENT SIGNED FEBRUARY 23 BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGER AUTHORIZES A \$2.3 (TWO POINT THREE) MILLIAN GRANT FOR NIGER'S DROUGHT RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM. THE GRANT IS DESIGNED TO HELP COVER AN UNEXPECTEDLY LARGE NIGER GOVERNMENT BUDGET DEFICIT RESULTING FROM THE EXTROARDINARY SPENDING REQUIREMENTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SAHELIAN DROUGHT. THE PROJECTS SELECTED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS LEND THEMSELVES TO RELATEVELY SWIFT IMPLEMENTATION AND FULFILL A PRESSING NEED IN THE OVERALL DROUGHT RECOVERY PICTURE OF NIGER. THE MAIN ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN ARE REFORESTATION, REHABILITATION OF PASTURES, CONSTRUCTION OF GRAIN STORAGE FACILITIES, ROAD REPAIRS, PURCHASE OF MEDICINES AND SUPPLEMENTAL FEED FOR LIVESTOCK AND ACCELERATION OF RICE PRODUCTION.

AFTER SIGNING THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE NIGER GOVERNMENT, MINSTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION HAROUNA BEMBELLO, THANKED THE UNITED STATES FOR THIS LATEST MANIFESTATION OF
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FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERAION AND RECALLED THAT

THE US FOR OVER A DECADE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST GENEROUS
NATIONS IN ASSISTING IN NIGER'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.BUCHE

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